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Honorable Dick Swett House of Representatives 230 Cannon Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Swett:

This is in reply to letter of April 30, 1993, regarding the <u>Notice of Proposed</u>
<u>Rule Making (Notice)</u> in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This <u>Notice</u>
proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private
land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

The proposals in the <u>Notice</u> reflect to a large extent concepts and proposals submitted in the initial inquiry stages of this proceeding. None of the proposals set forth in the <u>Notice</u>, however, are engraved in stone. Indeed, the proposals represent our best judgment at this stage of the proceeding on steps that must be taken to improve the regulatory climate for users of the private land mobile radio spectrum below 512 MHz. I have enclosed for your information a copy of that part of the <u>Notice</u> that describes the numerous proposals, plus a discussion paper released March 1, 1993. In sum, under these proposed rules no radio would require replacement until 2004.

We are sensitive to the needs of users of private land mobile radio spectrum and the impact that these proposals may have on their radio systems, including the costs of required modifications. Your letter will be included in the record of the proceeding and will be fully evaluated when we develop final rules in this proceeding.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,

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Joseph A. Levin Chief, Policy & Planning Branch Private Radio Bureau

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Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, B.C. 20515-2902

April 30, 1993

Mr. James Quello Chairman Federal Communications Commission 199 M St. NW Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I have received numerous letters from constituents worried about the impact of PR Docket 92-235, and I share their concern. While I recognize that the proliferation of Private Land Mobile Radio users necessitates the redivision of frequencies below 512 MHz, and that efficient use of these frequencies requires the utilization of new technologies, I feel that the new frequency requirements place an undue burden on our cities and towns.

Requiring the replacement of municipalities' current equipment with newer, high-technology transceivers is not only unnecessary but also detrimental to our towns in this time of economic hardship. Moreover, the deadline for conversion is much too soon: the proposal would require the replacement of all equipment in one or two fiscal years, a significant burden for financially beleaguered towns.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

With warmest regards,

Member of Congress